Description:
3M Tegaderm Foam Adhesive Dressing is a highly absorbent, breathable wound dressing. It is constructed from a conformable polyurethane foam pad, an additional absorbent nonwoven layer, and a top layer of transparent adhesive film. This film is moisture vapor permeable which prevents wound exudate strike-through and acts as a barrier to outside contamination, including bacteria and viruses. *The dressing maintains a moist wound environment, which has been shown to enhance wound healing. The dressing is supplied sterile and may be custom cut to the needs of the user.*

Indications for Use:
3M Tegaderm foam adhesive dressing is indicated for use as a primary dressing for moderately to highly exuding, partial and full thickness dermal wounds, including:
- pressure ulcers
- venous leg ulcers
- abrasions
- first and second degree burns
- donor sites
- arterial ulcers
- skin tears
- neuropathic ulcers

Additional applications of 3M Tegaderm foam adhesive dressing include use:
- as a secondary (cover) dressing for use in conjunction with wound fillers (such as gauze or alginate dressings).
- under compression wrap systems for venous leg ulcer treatment.

This product is not designed, sold or intended for use except as indicated. 3M Tegaderm foam adhesive dressing is not intended for use in pressure reduction or as a surgical sponge.

Contraindications:
None known

Warnings:
None known

Precautions:
1. Do not use 3M Tegaderm foam adhesive dressing in combination with oxidizing agents such as hydrogen peroxide or hypochlorite solution. These solutions may affect the structure and performance of the polyurethane foam.
2. At the time of dressing change, if the dressing is adhered to the wound surface, saturate with normal saline and gently loosen.
3. Observe the wound for signs of infection. If infection occurs, signs of which may be fever, increased pain, redness, swelling or an unusual odor or discharge, see a health care professional. 3M Tegaderm foam adhesive dressing may be used on infected wounds only under the care of a health care professional.
4. If the wound does not begin to show signs of healing or if any other unexpected symptoms occur, consult a health care professional.

Directions for Use:
Note: Follow facility guidelines for infection control.

Before Using the Dressing:
1. Clip excess hair for patient comfort.
2. Cleanse wound and surrounding skin according to facility policy.
   Note: If periwound skin is fragile or exposure to wound exudate is likely, apply a barrier film. Allow the barrier film to dry before dressing application.
3. Assess wound. Select appropriate size dressing, allowing for 1" (2.5cm) of foam overlap onto intact skin.

Applying the Dressing:
1. Remove dressing from package.
2. Hold the dressing by one of the side tabs and remove the printed liner, exposing the adhesive border (Figure 1).
3. While holding the tabs, position the dressing over the wound.
4. Gently press the adhesive film border to the skin (Figure 2). Avoid stretching the dressing or the skin.
5. Beginning at the center of the dressing, grasp one section of the paper carrier and pull toward the outer edge of the dressing. Repeat this for each of the remaining carrier sections until all paper carrier is removed (Figure 3).
6. Firmly press and conform the adhesive border to the skin (Figure 4).

Removing the Dressing:
1. Carefully lift the dressing edges from the skin. If there is difficulty lifting the dressing, apply tape to the edge of the dressing and use the tape to lift.
2. Continue lifting the edges until all are free from the skin surface. Remove the dressing.

Dressing Change Considerations:
1. Observe the dressing frequently. As the dressing absorbs, exudate will wick to the top of the dressing, and discoloration may be noticeable. When the exudate spreads to the edges of the dressing or the dressing begins to leak, a dressing change is indicated.
2. Dressing change frequency will depend on the type of wound, volume of exudate, and clinical situation. Change at least every seven days, or as indicated per treatment protocol.

Storage and Shelf Life:
For best results, store at room temperature. Avoid excessive heat and humidity. For shelf life, refer to the expiration date printed on each box.

How Supplied:
Supplied in boxes of individually packaged sterile dressings. Sterility of product is guaranteed unless the individual pouch is damaged or open.

If you have any questions or comments, in the USA please contact the 3M Health Care Customer Helpline at 1-800-228-3957.
In Canada, contact 3M Canada, Inc., P.O. Box 5757, London, Ontario, N6A 4T1, 1-800-268-9696.
Outside the United States, contact your local 3M subsidiary.

Explanation of Symbols:
- Sterile unless package is damaged or open
- Latex Free

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